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POLYSILICON LAYER IN A FLASH MEMORY DEVICE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001, please find enclosed the following:

- 1) Election responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 5, 2001
- 2) Transmittal Letter (original and two copies)
- 3) Postcard

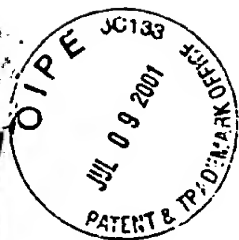
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account 01-0365 (Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.).

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

REMARKS

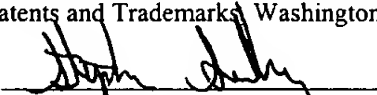
This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001. Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-16 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner stated that

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 314.**
- II. Claims 8-16 drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 201.**

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The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

**Inventions I and II are related as [a] process of making
[a product] and [the] product made.**

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-7, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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